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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR MANSHEL RECEIVED AT FOREIGN MINISTRY

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1. AMBASSADOR MANSHEL, ACCOMPANIED BY ACTING DCM, PRESENTED COPIES OF HIS LETTERS OF CREDENCE AT THE DANISH FOREIGN MINISTRY ON JULY 28, AT WHICH TIME DANISH OFFICIALS EXTENDED UNUSUAL COURTESIES. THE AMBASSADOR DELIVERED COPIES NOT TO THE PROTOCOL OFFICE BUT TO MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO LISE OSTERGAARD, WHO SINCE THE RESIGNATION OF FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER K.B. ANDERSEN, HAS PERFORMED MANY OF THE CEREMONIAL FUNCTIONS. A PROTOCOL OFFICIAL DESCRIBED THE PRESENTATION OF THESE LETTERS TO A MINISTER AS UNPRECEDENTED AND AS INDICATIVE OF THE DANISH GOVERNMENT'S DESIRE TO EMPHASIZE THE GOOD RELATIONS EXISTING BETWEEN DENMARK AND THE UNITED STATES.

2. AMBASSADOR MANSHEL WAS RECEIVED IMMEDIATELY AFTER-
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WARD BY AMBASSADOR PETER DYVIG, THE TOP RANKING OFFICIAL OF THE MINISTRY'S POLITICAL DEPARTMENT ON DUTY THAT DAY. PRESENT WITH DYVIG WAS JORGEN BOJER, MFA'S NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS OFFICER AND DENMARK'S COORDINATOR FOR EC POLITICAL COORDINATION DURING DENMARK'S RECENT EC PRESIDENCY.

3. OSTERGAARD AND DYVIG WELCOMED WARMLY BOTH AMBASSADOR MANSHEL'S ARRIVAL AND HIS PLEDGE TO ASSURE THAT DANISH VIEWS CONTINUED TO RECEIVE ATTENTION AT THE HIGHEST U.S. GOVERNMENT LEVELS. EACH, HOWEVER, USED WHAT IS NORMALLY ONLY A CEREMONIAL OCCASION TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF SUBSTANCE. OSTERGAARD SPOKE APPROVINGLY OF U.S. OBJECTIVES IN AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST AND RECOGNIZED THE ENORMOUS DIFFICULTIES THAT THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION FACES BOTH INTERNATIONALLY AND DOMESTICALLY IN ACHIEVING THEM. TOUCHING ON NORTH-SOUTH RELATIONS, OSTERGAARD REPEATED A FAVORITE DANISH THEME THAT THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SHOULD DO MORE TO FIND MEANINGFUL RESPONSES TO SUCH LDC DEMANDS AS A COMMON FUND. WHILE NOT FLATTERING IN HER ESTIMATE OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE LAST UN OVERVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING IN NEW YORK, A SESSION THAT SHE ATTENDED, SHE WAS NEVERTHELESS HOPEFUL THAT THIS FORUM WOULD SERVE A USEFUL PURPOSE IN THE FUTURE.

4. DYVIG, WHO HAD JUST RETURNED FROM THE EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS' MEETING IN BONN, INFORMED AMBASSADOR MANSHEL THAT A MAJOR POINT OF DISCUSSION HAD BEEN DETENTE AND THE EFFECT OF CURRENT U.S.-SOVIET DIFFERENCES ARISING OVER THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE (REFTEL). DYVIG MAINTAINED THAT MOST EUROPEANS, LARGELY BECAUSE OF THEIR PROXIMITY

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TO THE SOVIET UNION, FELT A NEED TO BE MORE CIRCUMSPECT ON THIS ISSUE THAN THE U.S., EVEN THOUGH THEY FUNDAMENTALLY SHARE U.S. VIEWS. DYVIG COMMENTED THAT EUROPEAN OPINION ON WHAT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED VIS-A-VIS THE SOVIET UNION THROUGH THE HELSINKI ACCORDS IS MORE CYNICAL THAN THAT IN THE U.S.

5. DYVIG ALSO USED THE OCCASION TO APPLAUD U.S. SENATE ACTION ON THE TURKEY ARMS EMBARGO. HE AGREED WITH AMBASSADOR MANSHEL'S OBSERVATION THAT THE OUTCOME OF THE MATTER IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WAS EVEN MORE UNPREDICTABLE THAN THE SENATE VOTE HAD BEEN BUT HOPED THAT THE SENATE ACTION WOULD HAVE A FAVORABLE IMPACT ON THE HOUSE.

6. AMBASSADOR MANSHEL WILL PRESENT HIS CREDENTIALS TO QUEEN MARGRETE AT 11:45 A.M., JULY 31. HE HAS AN APPOINTMENT FOR A COURTESY CALL ON PRIME MINISTER JORGENSEN ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, AT

12:30.

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